

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Airports	(2) MEETING DATE 8/18/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Kevin Bumen 781-5205	
(4) SUBJECT Request to authorize the Airports Director to accept and sign a grant anticipated to be issued by the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$118,266 to conduct a Wildlife Hazard Assessment at the San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport and authorize a corresponding budget adjustment in the amount of \$130,450 in Fund Center 425 Airports. District 3.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Authorize the Director of Airports to accept and sign a grant anticipated to be issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to conduct a Wildlife Hazard Assessment and complete a Wildlife Hazard Management Plan at the San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport;</li> <li>2. Create Project #330024 "Airport – SLO – Wildlife Hazard Assessment and Plan"; and</li> <li>3. Authorize a corresponding budget adjustment totaling \$130,450 in Fund Center 425 Airports by 4/5 vote.</li> </ol>			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) FAA AIP Grant: \$118,266 Airport Enterprise Fund: \$12,184 Total: \$130,450	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$12,184	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____ ) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____ )			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: 1516011 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 3			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Airports / Kevin Bumen  
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DATE: 8/18/2015

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the Board:

1. Authorize the Director of Airports to accept and sign a grant anticipated to be issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to conduct a Wildlife Hazard Assessment and complete a Wildlife Hazard Management Plan at the San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport;
2. Create Project #330024 "Airport – SLO – Wildlife Hazard Assessment and Plan"; and
3. Authorize a corresponding budget adjustment totaling \$130,450 in Fund Center 425 Airports by 4/5 vote.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires commercial service airports, such as the San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport (SBP), to conduct a Wildlife Hazard Assessment when certain factors occur that have caused, or have the potential to cause, damage to air carrier aircraft. In 1999 such an occurrence took place where an American Eagle aircraft was struck by a number of sea gulls when departing SBP. The strikes caused significant damage to the aircraft forcing it to return to the airport. As a result of the incident the airport was required to conduct a Wildlife Hazard Assessment and then develop a Wildlife Hazard Management Plan. Recent events in aviation have caused the FAA to again focus on wildlife management as an issue.

Airports has received a notice from the FAA indicating our wildlife management assessment and plan are over 10 years old and has requested a new assessment and plan be completed. Subsequent to this notice, Airports was asked by the FAA to submit a grant application as soon as possible in order to obtain funding in the 2015 Federal Fiscal Year. Under normal circumstances Airports would seek authority from the Board prior to submitting a grant application. In this case, Airports did not have the ability to seek approval ahead of the submission. The FAA District Office in San Francisco has indicated their intent in issuing a grant, pending coordination with other FAA offices. It is likely a grant will be offered as this is a safety concern, which is high on the list of priorities for the FAA.

When grants are offered, the FAA requires a quick return on an executed grant otherwise we risk the potential of losing the grant. Due to the time needed to schedule items for Board agendas, and in order to be prepared to return the executed agreement as expeditiously as possible, Airports requests the Board authorize the Director to sign and accept the grant offer, up to \$118,266, when received. In the event the FAA does not provide funding this Federal Fiscal Year, Airports requests authorization to resubmit the application in the 2016 Federal Fiscal Year.

Both the assessment and plan are required to be completed by a wildlife biologist that meets FAA qualification requirements. Reynolds, Smith and Hills (RS&H), the General Consultant for the airport, will complete the assessment and plan under their existing contract. A work order will be completed and signed upon receipt of grant funding from the FAA.

#### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

The Federal Aviation Administration provides grant funding and regulatory oversight. County Counsel will review the grant agreement for form and legal effect.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The total estimated project cost for the assessment and plan is \$130,450. The FAA grant would provide 90.66% of the project cost or \$118,266. The local share of 9.34% or \$12,184 will be funded from the Airports Enterprise Fund. The Airport Enterprise Fund will fund the \$12,184 with unanticipated parking revenues expected as a result of the addition of two new flights beginning in September 2015.

<b><u>Funding Source</u></b>	<b><u>Funding Amount</u></b>
FAA	\$ 118,266
San Luis Airport Enterprise Fund	\$ 12,184
<b>Project Total</b>	<b>\$ 130,450</b>

#### **RESULTS**

Approval of the submission of the grant application will ensure effective evaluation of wildlife impacts on the airport and implementation of appropriate measures to mitigate those impacts in order to provide a safe operating environment for aircraft and the public who use the air carriers for travel.